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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY OF THAI EVACUATION FROM PHNOM PENH

REF: PHNOM PENH 1297

1. DCM TOOK ADVANTAGE OF CALL ON ACTING DEPUTY MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS PHAEN WANNAMETHI, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTRODUCING DEPUTY ASST SECY OF DEFENSE JORDAN, TO RAISE REPORTS REGARDING POSSIBLE EVACUATION BY THAI EMBASSY IN PHNOM PENH. REACTING STRONGLY, PHAEN SAID THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO THOUGHT OF EVACUATION AT THIS TIME. HE SAID, LIKE OTHER COUNTRIES, THAILAND HAS CONTINGENCY PLANS AND HAS GIVEN ITS AMBASSADOR IN PHNOM PENH DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY TO EVACUATE IF, AND ONLY IF, THERE IS IMMINENT THREAT TO LIFE OF STAFF. HOWEVER, RTG DOES NOT BELIEVE THIS SITUATION EXISTS AT PRESENT AND DOES NOT PLAN EVACUATION AS LONG AS GKR CONTINUES TO FUNCTION AND OTHER MAJOR EMBASSIES REMAIN.

2. WE EXPRESSED OUR APPRECIATION TO PHAEN, POINTING OUT SERIOUS ADVERSE PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT WHICH WITHDRAWAL OF THAI FROM PHNOM PENH WOULD HAVE, CONSIDERING THAILAND'S OWN DIRECT INTEREST IN THE STABILITY OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC. WE SUGGESTED TO PHAEN THAT OUR TWO EMBASSIES IN PHNOM
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PENH REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT ON THIS AS WELL AS OTHER

MATTERS AND HE AGREED.
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